which should have been raised soon after the Question Hour but I think he was in an agitated mood....(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujarat): Madam, I want to raise an important matter relating to basic education.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: That is a Special Mention...(*Interruptions*)...

These are matters other than Special Mentions.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Madam, I seek your permission to raise a matter relating to basic education.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I am not allowing just now. (*Interruptions*)...No, not immediately. I will call Mr. Jagesh Desai and then Mr. Mehta. Yes, Mr. Mitra, you can raise the issue of privilege. It is a privilege issue which he wants to raise.

SHRI ASHOK MITRA (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, with your permission, I would like to raise an issue of privilege with respect to certain developments which took place yesterday in the course of the discussion on the Bill for amending the State Bank of India Act. You know, we have been circulated a copy of the proposed amending Bill along with the Statement of Objects and Reasons for moving the Bill. It is very interesting that in the Statement of Objects and Reasons for moving the Bill there is a specific mention—I am reading out objective (iii) from paragraph 4 of the statement of objects and reasons—"raising of ceiling placed on voting rights from 1 per cent to 10 per cent." But what struck me was what was mentioned in the body of the text (clause 3 of the amending Bill): "No shareholder, other than the Reserve Bank, shall be entitled to exercise voting rights in respect of any shares held by him in excess of ten per cent of the issued capital." But unfortunately the clause does not end here. What is added is: "Provided that such shareholder shall be entited to exercise voting rights at such higher percentage as the Central Government may, after consultation with the Reserve Bank, specify."

Now this is really shocking because the Government is suppressing a very important information. The Government is suppressing a very important objective that it has in mind. You know in the course of the discussion the Government protested that their idea is not to privatise the State Bank.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mitra, the procedure about raising a matter of privilege is, when you raise a matter of privilege, you give a notice and then you mention, in brief, what the subject is and then I will tell you what it is...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI ASHOK MITRA: I may mention that there is a misstatement, deliberate misstatement and misleading of the House. You say one thing in the objects and reasons but you smug in a mcuh wider objective to raise indefinitely, to raise unrestrictedly, the right of the private shareholders to own shares and vote. That is, in other words, you are surreptitiously trying to use this Bill in order to privatise the State Bank of India. This is a very serious matter. The Government is on the sly trying to privatise the State Bank and To convert it into the Imperial Bank and it doesn't have the courage to say so in this House. I think this is misguiding the House and this is a matter of privilege and I would hope and pray that this matter will go before the Privileges Committee.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Your privilege issue notice has been received and it will be sent to the Chairman and whatever decision he takes we will inform you in due course. Mr. Jagesh Desai.

RE. STOPPING CARRY—FORWARD TRANSACTIONS IN STOCK EXCHANGES

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairperson, I am very much grateful to

★ Shri Jagesh Desai

you for allowing me to raise a very, very important issue which concerns the small investors. The worst feature in the stock exchanges is that they allow carry forward transactions till next settlement. This is nothing but allowing speculation. I will give an example. I buy some shares at the rate of Rs. 16 per share. On the settlement day if it is Rs. 20 I take Rs. 4 from the person from whom I bought it and the transaction will be again kept open and will be carried forward to the next settlement period. In recent years this is going on a very large scale. I examined some of the transactions of some stock exchanges and what I found was that in the case of delivering shares the transactions were only 40% and 60% transactions were carry forward. I must compliment the SEBI and the Finance Minister for deciding not to allow carrying forward the transactions to the next settlement period. The delivery of the shares should be made before settlement or on the date of settlement. This will stop speculation in shares and small shareholders will be benefited. All the transactions, which are already there, should be delivered within a specific period and in future no stock exchanges should allow carry forward to the next settlement. Some brokers of Bombay and Calcutta did not attend to their work yesterday. The SEBI should take strict action against such brokers. We all know what happened in the scam. The report is going to be presented on the 21st. I think, as a memeber of the Committee, I should not speak about it. The brokers are behaving as if they are the owners. A time has come when the brokers should be disciplined. We should give more teeth to the SEBI. Our Law Minister is here. There are still some sections left. So we should give more teeth to the SEBI so that they can deal with the brokers firmly. The Government has taken action. The poor investors who are misled by the rising prices, which will again fall, are duped of their money. That will stop now. I will compliment the Government and I am sure Mr. Jaipal Reddy and all my colleagues will associate with me. This kind of speculation will be minimised by this action of the Government. I thank the Government and specially the Chairman of the SEBI, Mr. G.V. Ramakrishna, whom we have met and with whom we have a discussion. He is a very firm man. He should be given more powers and if that is done this evil can be eliminated.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Chimanbhai Mehta.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI (Gujarat): Madam, I would like to associate myself with what Jageshji was saying. But there is something wrong somehwere and the small investors are really becoming the victims of the strike. In a country where the stock excahnges go on strike three or four times in a year, I am afraid how your reform, your liberalisation, etc., are going to work. What I want to ask is... (Time-bell rings)... Madam, just one line.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are impinging on the time of Mr. Mehta.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Earlier the SEBI has asked Rs. 5 lakhs as membership fee, then suddenly they said Rs. 2 lakhs, then they said Rs. 1 lakhs and lastly they said no fees. What is all this threatening? I fully appreciate that speculation must stop. However, share markets all over the world have some element of speculation. I am not trying to encourage speculation. All I am trying to say is why the SEBI wakes up suddenly. If you wanted to stop it, why didn't you stop speculation immediately after the scam? I charge the Government that it is a deliberate attempt of the Government to see that foreign investors can buy shares at a cheaper price. The Government must come out clean and tell us what its stand on the stock market is. We cannot have this nonsense going on everyday. It is hurting the interests of small investors.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now I have to adjourn the House for lunch.

Please sit down. I am sorry, you took the time of Mr. Mehta. It should not be done in future.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Madam, everbody is doing it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nobody should do it. I adjourn the House for lunch till 2.30 p.m.

The House then adjourned for lunch at thirty minutes past one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-three minutes past two of the clock, [**the Vice-Chairman (Syed Sibtey Razi)** in the Chair].

RE. DUNKEL DRAFT—Contd.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Where is the Commerce Minister?...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Where is the Commerce Minister?...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Why is the Government so afraid to state its position?...(*Interruptions*)...If they are going to sign because they don't have a spine, they must resign...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): I request the hon. Members to take their seats. I have to make an announcement... (*Interruptions*)... Please take your seats. The hon. Deputy Chairman discussed the matter which you raised during the Zero Hour. The Commerce Minister came to see her and he gave an assurance to her that he will make a statement regarding the Dunkel Draft tomorrow ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: This is a virtual sell-out...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: This is by-passing the Parliament... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Why is the Government so afaid? ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: You please adjourn the House till tomorrow...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: I strongly recommend that they announce that they are going to sign it...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: You please adjourn the House until tomorrow...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: No, we can't agree to it...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: We will not agree to it ...(*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): You don't want to work...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: The Commerce Minister is bypassing the House...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You adjourn the House...(*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Heavens will not fall if you wait till tomorrow...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: They are going to sign it this night...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: There will be another Babri Masjid...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The Government should announce that they are signing it...(*Interruptions*). They must come and announce...(*Interruptions*))

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: They must announce that they are not signing it today...(*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): I honour the sentiments of the Members. But you must listen to what I say...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Let the Government assure this House that they will not sign it today...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIENSHBHAI TRIVEDI: Let them say that they will not sign it today...(*Interruptions*)

SOME HON. MEMBERS: You adjourn the House...(*Interruptions*).

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: That is the sense of the House...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, why is the Commerce Minister not able to make a statement today? *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): If you make your submissions one-by-one, I can understand what you are saying...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: The Minister should make a statement...*(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Yes, Mr. Mentay Padmanabham, what do you want to say?

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: This morning when we raised this issue, the State Commerce Minister was present here and he assured the House that the Commerce Minister, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, would come this evening and make a statement. Now, we have come to know, through you, Sir, that the Commerce Minister has expressed his inability to make a statement today. That means, this night, the Government is going to sign the Dunkel Draft and tomorrow the Commerce Minister will come to the House with a *fait accompli*. What is the purpose of raising this issue here now? Therefore, I would request the Government to assure this House that they will not sign the Dunkel Draft until tomorrow morning. Only after taking this House into confidence, they must sign. If that is the kind of assurance given by the Government, then we have no objection...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: The Government should assure that they will sign just now, not wait any further...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: This is my submission...*(Interruptions)* This is a clever ploy of the Commerce Minister...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI. S. JAIPAL REDDY: In the morning, the Minister of State for Commerce stated that the Cabinet Minister for Commerce will make a statement in the evening. Now, we learnt, through you, that the Commerce Minister will not be able to make a statement today. What is the reason for his inability to make a statement today and what is the point in hearing the statement tomorrow after the fate of the nation is signed away?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): How can you come to conclusions?...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Let the Government assure that they will not sign it until tomorrow ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI (Tamil Nadu): We need an assurance from the Government...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: While there are differences of opinion on what the Government ought to be doing, nevertheless, Parliament is a supreme institution where information shoud be provided as early as possible. It is a matter of great regret that the newspapers have got the information which Parliament has not got. Having made an assurance that by this evening, the Minister will make a statement, the Government, now it appears to me, has got shivers down the spine or has developed cold feet or whatever it is. As committed, the Government must make a statement or else you must adjourn the House till the Minister makes a statement.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Has the Government got to say anything? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: The Government must come out with a statement.

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य राज्य मंत्री (डा॰ अबरार अहमद): वाइस चेयरमैन साहब, जब मिनिस्टर आफ स्टेट फार कामर्स ने यह बयान दिया था कि शाम को मंत्री जी वक्तव्य देंगे तो यह बात माननीय सदस्यों ने नहीं मानी थी। उस के बाद हल्ला-गुल्ला हुआ था और उसके बाद हाउस ऐडजार्न हुआ था...**(व्यवधान)**

श्री दिनेश भाई त्रिवेदी: पहले शाम को स्टेटमेंट करना चाहते थे, अब क्यों नहीं करना चाहते, इसकी क्या वजह है? ...(व्यवधान)

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: I suspect the motives of the Government...(*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): I once again request you to allow the business to be continued...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: No....

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): The Government is ready and the Minister has also made an announcement...(*Interruptions*) The Government will make a statement tomorrow...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Then, you adjourn the House...(*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): I adjourn the House till 11.00 a.m. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at forty minutes past two of the clock till eleven of the clock on Thursday, the 16th December, 1993.